

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD The Montgomery Building, 187 North Church Street Spartanburg, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through January 13, 2016.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 15-6356-NRP, will affect approximately 1.55 acres located 187 North Church Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina. The property is further identified by County Tax Map Serial Number 7-12-10-044. A company known as BF Spartanburg, LLC ("BF Spartanburg"), wants to acquire the property from the current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and BF Spartanburg.

The property is has been historically used as an office building with retail space on the ground floor. The building utilized a coal fired boiler for power generation and heating. Several electrical transformers with poly chlorinated biphenyls enriched oils are located on the Property. The past use of the property may have caused environmental pollution on the property.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. BF Spartanburg intends to develop the property for multi-family housing. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow BF Spartanburg to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution from past activity on the property.

DHEC will not hold BF Spartanburg responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, BF Spartanburg will soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, BF Spartanburg will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. BF Spartanburg did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, BF Spartanburg will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through January 13, 2016. Questions or comments may be directed to Alex Fulmer, Project Manager, by email at fulmerwa@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0932, or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Alex Fulmer at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.